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SUBJECT Policy of HMB Forces in Pangasinan Province
to Destroy All Land Registration and Police Records

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1. Officers of Philippine Ground Forces (PGF) units stationed in the vicinity of Rosales, Pangasinan, have discovered evidence of an HMB policy decision aimed at destroying all land registration records, including property titles, as well as all police records.

2. HMB field forces plan to carry out this policy by burning municipal buildings in the various towns which they attack.

3. The announcement of this HMB policy has won favorable response among peasants in Pangasinan Province. These peasants have been led to believe that lands for which all records have been destroyed will be divided among the poor classes by the HMB when Communist forces accomplish their declared objective of overthrowing the existing Philippine Government.

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[REDACTED] Comment. Such a policy of destroying all land and police records in raids on municipal centers probably has been announced previously by the HMB for its desired effect on recruiting efforts among the peasants.

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